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**Bath Township Fire Department Responds to House Fire**

October 19, 2016

Bath Township Fire Department responded to a 9-1-1 report of a house on fire this evening at 3522 Stewart Road in Bath Township at 5:50 P.M.

The home is owned by Cledith and Joetta McNamara who were not home at the time of the fire

Upon arrival, units observed heavy smoke coming from the rear of the house. Firefighters were able to extinguish the fire, which was contained to the kitchen area of the structure, in about twenty minutes.

The home suffered heavy damage throughout due to heat and smoke. Damage is estimated at \$75,000 to the structure and \$50,000 to the contents. The owner advised that the house is insured.

The fire is not suspicious but remains under investigation by the department. The exact cause is undetermined.

No occupants or firefighters were injured and Bath Township Fire Department crews remained on the scene for about two hours. The family is being assisted by the Allen County Chapter of the American Red Cross.

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